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PatentAmendment to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

The polyurethane prepolymer is typically prepared by reacting the polyol component with at least one polyisocyanate at an elevated temperature of from about 40°C [[and]] to about 200°C. The polyol component may first be introduced into a reaction vessel, heated to a reaction temperature and dried to remove ambient moisture absorbed by the polyol component. The polyisocyanate component is then added to the reactor. The polyol component is generally reacted with the polyisocyanate component at ratios that typically depend on the hydroxy and isocyanate functionality of the reactants. Typically the reactants are reacted at ratios which result in a reaction between isocyanate groups and hydroxy groups leaving essentially no residual hydroxy and minimal isocyanate functionality, typically less than about 10 wt%, based on the weight of the resultant prepolymer. Typically the reaction between the polyol component and the polyisocyanate component is conducted at an OH:NCO ratio of from about 0.75:1.0 to about 0.15:1.0 in order to obtain a weight percent NCO (%NCO) in the final adhesive composition of from about 1 wt % to about 5 wt %, based on the total weight of the composition. Typically the resultant prepolymer is titrated to measure residual concentration of isocyanate using ASTM D-2572-80 "Standard Method for Isocyanate Group and Urethane Materials or Prepolymers" to determine the completion of the reaction.